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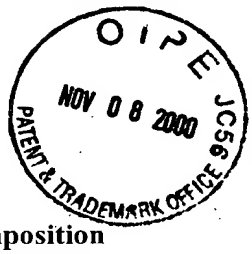

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith on a PTO Form 1449 is a listing of the documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty to disclose pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Also attached are copies of the references.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate, or otherwise remove as a competent reference, any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy be returned.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. If, however, Applicants are mistaken, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and/or credits to deposit account number 06-2375, Order 10004751, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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